

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-45 are pending and remain in the application. The amendment to the claims do not present any new matter. Support for the changes to the claims may be found throughout the application generally and, specifically, in the claims as originally filed. Applicants attach hereto a version of the claims showing changes made by the current amendment.

Rejection of Claims 18, 26, 28, 39, and 45 under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has rejected claims 18, 26, 28, 39, and 45 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have amended the claims in the manner suggested by the Examiner on page 2 of the Office Action. Claims 18, 26, 39, and 45 have been rewritten to insert the word "and" before the last specie of their Markush groups. Also, Claim 28 has been amended by replacing the term "mole percent" with the term "weight percent". This change provides a proper antecedent basis for the claim. The term "texanol" has been capitalized to "TEXANOL" in Claims 26 and 45 to indicate that the term is a trademark.

In addition to the above, Claims 11 and 24, have been rewritten to correct minor typographical errors.

Allowed Subject Matter

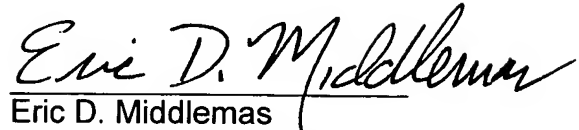
The Examiner's statement regarding the allowance of claims 1-17, 19-25, 29-38, and 40-44 is acknowledged.

In summary, Applicants believe that the foregoing amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above amendment, remove all rejections, and issue a timely Notice of Allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,


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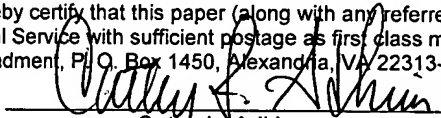
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